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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kitagishi
Serial No. : 08/936,182 Examiner: SHAFER, R.
Filed : September 24, 1997 Group Art Unit: 2872:
For : **PLATE-LIKE POLARIZING ELEMENT, A POLARIZING
CONVERSION UNIT PROVIDED WITH THE ELEMENT, AND A
PROJECTOR PROVIDED WITH THE UNIT**

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.114

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001, and pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 CFR §1.114, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 37, 44, 51, 72, 79 and 86 without prejudice or disclaimer.
Please amend claims 36, 38-43, 45-50, 52-56, 71, 73-78, 80-85, and 87-91 as indicated below. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims, showing all of the changes relative to the previous version of the claims, is annexed hereto.

36. (Five times amended) A polarization changing unit comprising:

a lens array that makes a plurality of light beams; and
a polarizing device comprising:

a transparent plate which has a polarizing beam splitting surface on one surface and a reflection surface on the other surface, wherein each of said